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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FALL SEASON

The 2022/2023 commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season in Southeast Alaska will not be reduced in duration and will remain as described in 5 AAC 32.110.

In accordance with the Southeast Alaska Dungeness Crab Management Plan [5 AAC 32.146(3)], the department has completed an analysis of the incidence of legal-size male soft-shelled crabs caught early in the summer season. Based on data from port sampling and fish tickets, the department has determined that an unusually high proportion of legal-size male soft-shelled Dungeness crabs were discarded during the first week of the summer season and that discard of these Dungeness crabs was a contributing factor in failing to meet the 2.25-million-pound harvest projection threshold described in the Southeast Alaska Dungeness Crab Management Plan. Therefore, per 5 AAC 32.146(3), the commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season will occur with the standard duration described in 5 AAC 32.110.

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